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SUBJ: AFTERMATH OF NOVEMBER 17 THAI-LAO BORDER CLASH

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SUMMARY: THE SCENE REMAINS THE SAME: MORE TROUBLES, MORE WORDS. END SUMMARY.

1. BANGKOK PRESS REPORTS NOVEMBER 26 FURTHER ANTI-VIETNAMESE PROTESTS OCCURRING IN NONG KHAI PROVINCE YESTERDAY AND ALLEGES THAT PL FIRED ACROSS THE MEKONG AT TWO THAI BORDER POSTS. BANGKOK POST PUBLISHED PICTURE OF SHOTGUN-CARRYING THAI POLICEMAN STANDING BY AS RIOTERS ATTACKED A VIETNAMESE SHOP IN THA BO DISTRICT TOWN.

2. PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 26 THAT HE CANNOT SEE WHICH THIRD COUNTRY, INCLUDING CHINA, MIGHT MEDIATE THE THAI-LAO CONFLICT. HE REITERATED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIS DESIRE TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE DRV BUT SAID

"ITS ATTITUDE GIVES NO OPPORTUNITY; THE PROPER TIMING HAS NOT BEEN REACHED YET". FINALLY, KHUKRIT DECLARED THAT HE DISAPPROVES OF THE ANTI-VIETNAMESE INCIDENTS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN NONG KHAI PROVINCE AND HAS ORDERED STRICT MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THEIR RECURRENCE. HE WAS QUOTED SEPARATELY AS STATING THAT THE RTG MAY COMPENSATE THE VIETNAMESE FOR THEIR LOSSES.

3. MEANWHILE, THAI AMBASSADOR TO LATS SAWET KOMANLAPHUTI ARRIVED IN BANGKOK NOVEMBER 24 WITH HIS FAMILY AND A LARGE AMOUNT OF LUGGAGE. HE TOLD THE PRESS THAT THERE WAS NO POINT IN HIS REMAINING IN VIENTIANE WITH THE BORDER CLOSED AND NO NEGOTIATIONS TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE SAID THE LAO "DON'T WANT TO NEGOTIATE". SAWET MADE IT CLEAR HE WOULD NOT BE RETURNING TO HIS POST IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

4. THE INVECTIVE CONTINUES TO POUR OUT OF HANOI. ONE ITEM TRANSMITTED BY VIET-NAM NEWS AGENCY NOVEMBER 25 (REF B) ATTACKED FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI CHUNHAWAN AND THE THAI REACTIONARIES WHO ARE FOLLOWING U.S. ORDERS TO ENCROACH UPON THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF LAOS. IT WARNED THAT "THERE CAN BE NO FRIENDSHIP WITH REACTIONARY FORCES, WHO DO NOT REPRESENT THE THAI PEOPLE, AND WHO STUBBORNLY HELP U.S. NEO-COLONIALISM IN ITS DESIGNS ON THAILAND AND OTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES".
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